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*A pleasant blend of progress and tradition*

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## FREDENBERG TOWNSHIP NEWS

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### TOWN BOARD

Jeff Blix, Supervisor	721-3194
Clay Cich, Chairman	590-5005
Debra Pawlowicz, Supervisor	721-4350
Walter Rapp, Vice Chair	721-3761
James Ray, Supervisor & Road Foreman	721-5201
Bill O'Brien, Treasurer	721-3864
Sherri Armstrong, Clerk	721-3991

### DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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### DEPARTMENTS

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Recycling Center	721-3991
Assessor, County	726-2304
Town Hall	721-3991
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## TOWN BOARD ACTIONS

The February meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Clay Cich - 11 individuals joined the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from last month were approved with the correction of spelling of a name and the deletion of a paragraph. Correspondence was reviewed and bills paid in the amount of \$6,192.41. Reports were made by the various department heads.

The clerk reported a busy month on all the year end reporting, she heard from FEMA with the final report, requested department reports for the Annual Report NLT the end of the month and she put in her resignation.

The treasurer gave his monthly reconciliation. Total funds available as of January 12 are \$520,525.21 which included the \$80,000 in CD.

The Road Foreman reported that the roads were in good shape until the recent snow made things fairly slippery. There are a few roads that have some serious washboarding still.

Fire Department responded to 6 medical calls, 1 fire (snowmobile) aid and 1 carbon monoxide call—a total of 3 of these calls were mutual aid with County Rescue Squad. Air Medical, Grand Lake Fire, Gold Cross ambulance and the Sheriff. Routine maintenance was performed as well as training on Carbon Monoxide emergencies, scene size-up and pre-planning.

Law Enforcement and Cemetery - nothing to report.

Parks & Rec - the rink was flooded and had a good night, but then the warmer weather ruined it. As of the meeting night, the hydrant had froze up. There is a light burned out and the timer needs replacing. The boards of the rink need replacing. The items will last for the rest of the season, but will need to be worked on over the summer/fall.

Community Center - Clay said he heard from the custodians they couldn't do the painting and he went to get a quote from an individual. Talk about bidding the project was held. Clay will talk to a few more contactors and the board voted to then allow the job to be awarded to the lowest, qualified bidder without waiting another month. Painting will not include the kitchen or classrooms. Clay will also talk to Highland Floors about the down payment they had requested prior to the tile/carpet installation. The stage will be removed from the basement in the renovation.

Recycling Center - things seems to be going well,

**Other Meetings** - Clay Cich attended clerk/treasurer training.

**Under Old Business:** - Lawsuit - in currently in a state of limbo. New signs were put up by the snowmobile club on the trail, but the DNR has stated they will not be enforcing them after reading the park ordinance. The lawyers' have requested a meeting with the board which was set for next month.

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Clay Cich asked if Jeff Blix could have copies of all the email messages sent to all the board members so everyone is on the same page. Deb Pawlowicz said she had some other information and would like to work with Jeff on this issue.

**Under New Business:** Resolution 17-001 - Supervisor working as road foreman and supervisor was passed.

Resolution 17-002 - Concerning the moral character of local owners of liquor licenses was passed.

Administrative Meeting - this was the second meeting added during the Reorg meeting last month, will be brought to the voters for approval at the annual meeting.

Website - try to get this back up and running.

With no further business, we adjourned this meeting 8:47pm.

The budget meeting was reconvened and the treasurer presented a proposal to the board for the 2018 levy based on the last 2 years data. The proposal is \$4,100 less than last years. He felt that would be a comfortable cut will still allowing for a slight decrease in the overall balance fund. The board decided to keep the budget the same as last year. The budget is voted upon and approved by the board. The levy is presented at the Annual Meeting for voter approval. They are not necessarily the same amounts. Ed Proetz asked about the gas tax and where it fits into the lvey amount. The county tells townships they must levy "x" amount of dollars to received the gas tax as a portion of the road and bridge levy amount. Townships have the authority to levy more than that amount, but always at least that. It is included in the amount levied and not an addition as Ed was believing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 pm.

The township is now taking applications for the position of Town Clerk.

Anyone interested in the position is welcome to call the office at 721-3991 and leave a message, send an email or stop in on Saturday morning for more information or an application form.

The township is also looking for an individual (s) who would be interested in helping create a new website. Again Interested individuals can use the contact information above.

Not doing so well on those New Year's resolutions? The Chinese New Year just started on January 28th. It gives you a reset button to try again.



Welcome to the year of the Rooster!

## CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were received and reviewed at the February meeting. Anyone wishing to read this correspondence, or seeking more information, may do so by calling the clerk at 721-3991.

1. From WLSSD – Biosolids Digest Newsletter
2. From Land Stewardship Project – Letter on township rights and the new legislators
3. From MN Power – Notice of and Order for Hearing in the company's rate review
4. From SLATCO – Minutes from Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, Agenda for January 25<sup>th</sup> and dues invoice
5. From Unkown – Postcard voting "NO" on the Fredenberg Lake Road Project
6. From St. Louis County Planning & Community Development Dept. - Notice of Variance hearing for Jim Jantzen, 4998 8th Ave.

### EMAIL

1. From DAT – notice of dues increase voted on at the January meeting.

## WINTER SAFETY - HAVE FUN, BUT BE SMART TOO!

Winter is in the Northland once again, and as hardy Minnesotans we love our outdoors (otherwise we would have already become a snowbird) so we want to remind you to be safe out there.

Check the ice before you go on it. We often see cars and trucks as well as snowmobiles and ATVs on the ice, but make sure it is thick enough first. Also be aware of the conditions out there. Some of our lakes have open spots year round and for a surprisingly large surface area, there can be a lot of traffic on the lakes..

Make sure you follow posted trails for your sport, whatever it may be. If a trail is posted for skiers, snowmobilers should not be using them or vice versa. Car drivers need to be aware of snowmobilers as they travel the trails as they often will use the roadways to cross.

Also make sure that the snow, when it comes, is being removed safely and in accordance with state statutes from your driveway. MN Statute 160.2715 states, "(a) Except for the actions of the road authorities, their agents, employees, contractors and utilities in carrying out their duties imposed by law or contract, and except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to: (1) obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon and (b) any violation of this section is a misdemeanor." In essence this means that when you plow your driveway you can't push snow across the road—be it state, county or city - into the street and leave it there to get it out of your driveway. This includes the ditch and right-of-way. While this is considered a misdemeanor, if your actions can be proved to have caused a hazard (slippery area, frozen rut) that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash, you could find yourself in a civil suit.

So dress warm, let people know your plans and route if riding, carry your cell phone and be careful while out enjoying the cold.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED CLASSES HELD AT THE  
FREDENBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

*CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE*

Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Pay per class or  
purchase a punch card. For more info call Anita at 729-0450

**PAY AT THE DOOR AT RESERVOIR RIDERS**

Yoga .Instructor: Anita Anderson \$5 per class.

Wednesdays - 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Instructor: Sandy Rock for all classes listed below:

Monday

Cardio 7:00 – 8:00 am

Tuesday

Cardio 5:30 pm (thru the end of March)

Wednesday

Cardio 7:00 – 8:00 am

Thursday

Cardio /Toning 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Friday

Cardio 7:00 – 8:00 am

Saturday

Cardio/Toning 8:00 - 9:00 am

Come work out with other motivated community members—men  
and women. Suggested class donation is \$3, but is not required.

Have an idea, suggestions for a different type of exercise or time?

Call Anita Anderson and let her know. 729-0450



## BISKEY PONDS CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

CLOCKWISE is the direction to ski the loops. Refer to the trailhead  
map before you ski to familiarize yourself with the system. Much information  
about the trails can be found at <https://biskeypondskitrails.wordpress.com>

Contributions for our volunteer maintained trail system are always welcome and  
put to good use. Checks can be sent to: FREDENBERG FLYERS SKI CLUB at 5325 Fish  
Lake Dam Road Duluth, MN 55803.

If you are not on the ski club email list but would like  
to be, and for all other inquiries, please contact Joan  
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or 1-800-257-1442



**Curl up with a  
good book to-  
day!**

### **Former Fredenberg Chapel begins life anew!**

Don't forget the old chapel has opened its  
doors and continue to grow Stop by on a  
Monday evening 6:30 - 8pm to visit and get  
to know more!

Got questions?

Call Pastor Josh (763)218-3707 or  
Gordy Mesdahl (218) 391-6702



### **ANNUAL GNESEN- FREDENBERG BIRD COUNT**

Our count day could  
have been better, it was  
a bit dreary, but the  
dedicated individuals  
didn't do too badly!

Birdwatchers  
counted 1,617 birds  
covering 30 different  
species. For a more  
comprehensive ac-  
counting you can go to  
the Audubon site and  
look for the MNFB  
count results. Or try  
the site for MOU  
(Minnesota Ornitholo-  
gists Union)

Tentative date for  
next year is Saturday  
Dec 30, 2017. Every-  
one of all skill levels are  
welcome!

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6221 Rice Lake Rd.

Pastor Tim Martenson

721-4476 [watersoflifelc.org](http://watersoflifelc.org)

#### Worship Schedule

**Sundays – 10:00 am**

*Praise worship with Holy Communion*

*Coffee Fellowship following the service*

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*You are cordially invited to attend the  
Annual Meeting for the Town of Fredenberg  
to be held on Tuesday, March 14 2017, 7 pm  
in the basement of the Community Center  
(In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be  
moved to the following week, March 21st)*

*Reports from department heads, 2018 levy and  
donation requests are on the agenda.*

*This meeting is your chance  
to make your voice heard.*

*Come help direct the future of your township.*

The next board  
meeting will be

Wednesday

March 1



7pm